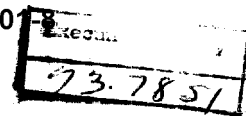


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Vice Admiral Vincent P. dePoix, USN
Director, Defense Intelligence Agency
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Dear Vince:

In our meeting last week we discussed the possibility of coordinating the new National Intelligence Daily newspaper. In my view, coordination of the Community product means a maximum of analyst-to-analyst contact and discussion, rather than achieving word-by-word agreement on a text. Moreover, the requirements of the Daily for timeliness and volume simply leave no room for that latter kind of "coordination". With these limitations in mind, we have devised procedures for the Daily which will encourage the maximum possible consultation among our analysts. I believe they are a reasonable compromise.

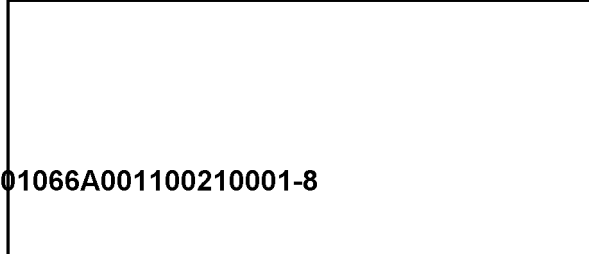
--First, coordination of the Central Intelligence Bulletin will continue and these judgments, or disagreements, will be reflected in the Daily, which will draw in the first instance on the Bulletin for its most important stories. Moreover, under new procedures which I hope to institute this Spring, the producing agencies will be invited to play a much larger role in Bulletin production and to contribute items to it.

--Second, whenever feasible we will disseminate to the appropriate agency drafts of additional Daily material prepared by CIA. This will afford analysts an opportunity to comment whenever they so desire and time permits. The remainder of the Daily, however, will be prepared on very short deadlines indeed, and consultation will not be possible.

--Third, we will designate those stories prepared unilaterally by CIA.

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Circulation of drafts outside CIA will mean that many of your officers will be made aware of the existence of the Daily. This is a price we are willing to pay, but I request that you emphasize to your people that widespread comment on this new, experimental, and highly sensitive venture is most undesirable; we prefer not to see it discussed in the press. There will also be an overwhelming desire to see--and file--the final product. You, as a principal, will of course see the final product, but any further dissemination would undercut our goal of making the Daily comprehensive and truly all-source. I hope you will be able to discourage requests of this kind.

The Daily is very much an experiment. It will stretch us to our limit, and I believe it more important for current intelligence to be current than that it be fully "coordinated" in the formal sense of the word. The Bulletin has often been criticized for serving up yesterday's news tomorrow. After the Daily settles down we can discuss this matter further if you feel it necessary. Until then, bear with us, and we will do our best to consult with you on all important judgments.

Sincerely,

/s/ Bill

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